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SUBJECT. CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. BEING IN PRAGUE ONLY FOR THIS WEEKEND, I HAVE
REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN OUR CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAS
ARISEN OUT OF LATEST CZECH PROPOSAL. IN ALL ESSENTIAL
RESPECTS, WE ARE IN POSITION TO OBTAIN SETTLEMENT ON OUR
TERMS. IT SEEMS UNNECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES EVEN
TO ARGUE ON GENERAL POLICY GROUNDS THAT WE SHOULD NOW
SETTLE FEW REMAINING DETAILS. WE HAD BEEN CONCERNED AT
UNDESIRABLE EFFECT OF CZECH INSISTENCE ON RELATING CLAIMS
SETTLEMENT TO RESTORATION OF MFN, ALBEIT THEY WERE
FOLLOWING SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN EXAMPLE. THUS CZECH
ABANDONMENT OF THIS POSITION CLEARS AWAY ONLY MAJOR
ISSUE INTERNERING WITH SETTLEMENT. FACT THAT CZECHS GET
THEIR GOLD BACK IN THE PROCESS DOES NOT CHANGE THIS.

2. I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL LEND YOUR WEIGHT TO FAVORABLE
AND EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE SEVERAL UNRESOLVED ITEMS.
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